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USDA SEEKS INPUT FROM GROWERS ABOUT 2016 CROPS

Little Rock, AR – During the next several weeks, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will conduct two surveys, the June Agricultural Survey and the June Area Survey. The agency will survey nearly 1,900 producers across Arkansas to determine acreage planted and stocks on hand as of June 1, 2016.

"When growers respond to these surveys, they provide essential information that helps us to determine the crop acreage planted and the stocks on hand as of June 1, 2016, in the United States. Everyone who relies on agriculture for their livelihoods is interested in the results," explained Becky Cross, NASS Delta Regional Director.

NASS gathers the data for these surveys online, by mail, phone, and in-person interviews. For the June Area Survey, one of NASS' representatives, called a NASDA Enumerator, will visit farms with a satellite map to collect the following data: crop acreage, including biotech crops, as well as grain stocks, livestock inventory, cash rents, land values, and value of sales.

NASS will compile and analyze the survey information and publish the results in a series of USDA reports, including the annual *Acreage* report and quarterly *Grain Stocks* report, both to be released on Thursday, June 30, 2016.

"NASS safeguards the privacy of all responses and publishes only state- and national-level data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified," stated Cross. "We recognize that this is a hectic time for farmers and ranchers, but the information they provide serves U.S. agriculture. I urge them to respond to these surveys and thank them for their cooperation."

All reports are available on the NASS website: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications>. For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Delta Regional Office at (800) 327-2970.

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